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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON ATTORNEY GENERAL OF KENYA

REF: NAIROBI 10293

1. CHARLES NJONJO; PHONETIC 'N JOANJOE

2. ATTORNEY GENERAL.

3. ADDRESSED AS MR. NJONJO.

4. CHARLES NJONJO, 56 AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, HAS BEEN ATTORNEY GENERAL SINCE 1963. HE RECEIVED HIS LEGAL TRAINING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND BECAME A CROWN COUNSEL IN KENYA IN 1960. IN 1962 HE WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR.

5. NJONJO IS A MEMBER OF THE DOMINANT KIKUYU TRIBE FROM WHICH PRESIDENT KENYATTA COMES. ALTHOUGH HE HAS NO POLITICAL BASE OF HIS OWN, HE IS ONE OF THE INNER CIRCLE OF KENYATTA'S ADVISORS. IN 1972 HE MARRIED A WHITE ENGLISH WOMAN, AND HE AFFECTS A BRITISH MANNER, AND IS VERY PRO-BRITISH. HE IS CONSIDERED SOLID, SOBER, INTELLIGENT AND AMBITIOUS.

6. NJONJO WILL ACCOMPANY ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER OSOGO TO THE AIRPORT TO MEET THE SECRETARY ON ARRIVAL.

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